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1. ON OCTOBER 4 THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR

EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE EC COMMISSION PRESENTED TO THE US MISSION WITHOUT COMMENT AN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON NEW US HEALTH REGULATIONS AFFECTING US IMPORTS OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS. THE MISSION HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN THE COMMISSION COPIES OF THE PROPOSED US REGULATIONS (REFTEL A). THE TEXT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

2. THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE COMMISSION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAS BEEN ADVISED OF A PROPOSED HEALTH REGULATION AIMED AT RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS FOR ANIMAL FEED, COMING FROM COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY FOOT-AND -MOUTH DISEASE AND RINDERPEST.

3. THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS IS DISTURBED BY THE INFORMATION IT HAS RECEIVED TO THE EFFECT THAT IN VIEW OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, ONLY GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, AND GREENLAND ARE FREE OF THESE DISEASES. IT CONSIDERS THAT THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE HEALTH SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, NOR OF THE COMMUNITY'S PREVAILING LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE MATTER.

4. THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO THE FACT THAT, AS REGARDS RINDERPEST, THIS HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM EUROPE SINCE 1943.

5. REGARDING FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, THERE ARE NO OUTBREAKS AT PRESENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, IRELAND, LUXEMBOURG, DENMARK, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS. IN FRANCE, THE ONLY SITE OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE THAT EXISTED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND OCCURRED AT A PIG FARM. IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND IN ITALY OUTBREAKS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WERE IMMEDIATELY ELIMINATED BY ANIMAL SLAUGHTER.

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6. THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS CONSIDERS THAT THESE FACTS, CONFIRMED NOTABLY BY L'OFFICE INTERNATIONALE DES EPIZOOTIES, OUGHT LEGITIMATELY TO ALLOW MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART IN ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPORT MILK PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT INFRINGING THE HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES ENVISAGED IN THIS CONNECTION.

7. FURTHER, THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE PROPOSED MEASURES CONCERN ONLY PRODUCTS FOR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION,, SINCE THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC REASON WHY MEASURES TAKEN TO PROTECT CATTLE SHOULD BE APPLIED TO MILK PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

8. BRUSSELS, OCTOBER 4, 1973. END TEXTGREENWALD

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